





New State Coordinator Convening March 7, 2023



Crystal City, VA

Logistics for Online Participants



Zoom navigation

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Handouts & Slide deck

- Google folder
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- Dropped in the chat box as we go
- Download docs to be able to use them
- Archived in SC Area of NCHE website



Group Norms



Equity & Voice

- Respect for ALL Perspectives
- Make sure everyone has a chance to speak & be heard

Active Participation & Engagement

- Participate in the online chat, raise hands, & contribute to conversations
- Be in "Learning Mode"

Be Considerate

- Listen to each other and do not interrupt
- Speak into the microphone
- Take care of yourself



Today's Session



- Welcome, Overview & Introductions
- Laying the Foundation
- Everyone on the Same Page

CONNECT OVER LUNCH

- Telling the Story with Data
- Making Connections



Learning Targets



- Build relationships & create collaborative partnerships
- Deepen understanding of statutes related to the EHCY program & the resources provided by NCHE
- Increase understanding of how to deepen capacity & provide training and technical assistance to local liaisons
- Understand the roles/responsibilities of a state coordinator and how it relates your state plan/annual work
- Reflect and discuss strategies to collect & analyze the data to improve targeted programming & services/interventions for HCY



Meet Your Presenters



Suzanne Peck NCHE Program Specialist



Lisa Phillips
North Carolina
State Coordinator
w/ Savannah Gay &
Neely Ward



Dana Malone New Mexico State Coordinator



Nicole Lee-Mwandha Washington, DC State Coordinator



Activity: Getting to know YOU!





- Form a small group with the people sitting at your table.
 Virtual participants will join a breakout room.
- 2. Assign a "Recorder" to capture what is discussed during this time.
- 3. Assign a "Reporter" to share with the whole group.





Activity: Getting to know YOU!





RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. What is your name?
- 2. What state do you represent?
- 3. How long have you been in this position?
- 4. What brings you joy?









Section #1 – Laying the Foundation for Success



Please Remember!

- Being homeless doesn't make someone a bad parent/kid.
- Many amazing, supportive, loving families are going through difficult circumstances.
- All families, regardless of their current situation in life, should be treated with dignity and respect.

How vulnerable are you to becoming homeless?



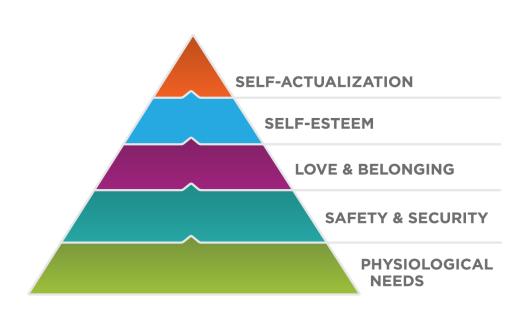
Student First Language



- Students experiencing homelessness
- Families in transition
- McKinney-Vento students



"More Than JUST Free Lunch & Tennis Shoes"



MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

Tangible

- School supplies
- Clothing/School uniforms
- Transportation
- Free meals

<u>Intangible</u>

- Safe Space
- Tutoring
- Encouragement from a mentor
- Sense of belonging
- Hope for the future



Goals/Results of EHCY Program

School Stability & Removing Barriers for Full Participation

- Attendance
- School of Origin
- Academic success
- Graduation
- Postsecondary participation and completion

HOPE for a Better Future



Primary Roles & Responsibilities of the State Coordinator

DATA

driven

decision

making

4a - Collaborate with Special **Education &** Early Child Intervention & Preschool **Programs**

1 - Publish program information & data related to **EHCY**

4d – Make available LEA liaison information

Technical Assistance & Training/PD

5a - Provide technical assistance to LEAs

6 - Provide PD to assist LEAs with identifying & serving students

7 - Respond to questions from parents & guardians

> 3 - Collect & submit data for Federal reporting

2 – Complete Needs Assessment, develop and carry out the **State Plan** (part of ESSA Consolidated Plan)

Grant Management **Administration** & Reporting

Develop, Distribute & Manage **EHCY & ARP-HCY Funds**

Subgrants & State

SC Duties Appendix B-1

Awareness & Collaboration

4b- Collaborate with state agencies & service providers

4c - Collaborate with emergency housing providers

4e -Collaborate with communitybased organizations & parent groups

5b – Conduct program monitoring of LEAs

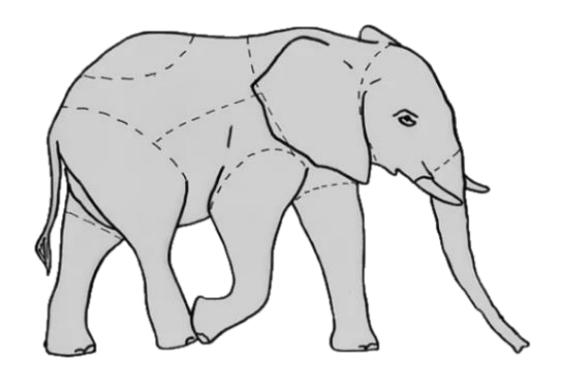
Monitor Fiscal Oversight

Monitoring & Program **Improvement**

Ensure that the State is following the law:

- Free Appropriate **Public Education** (FAPE)
- Remove barriers for full-participation
- Review & revise **Policies**
- Access to all eligible services

How to "Eat the Elephant"!



First: Basics of subgrant administration, data collection, monitoring & risk assessment, dispute resolution

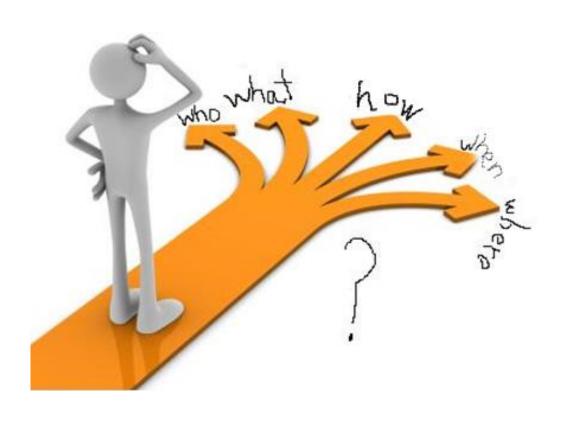
Next: Coordination with other programs (Title I-A, Special Ed, Perkins, Migrant, Title I-D, Foster Care)

Finally: Engagement with other federal programs (RHY/YHDP, Head Start/Early Intervention, CoCs, USICH/FRISH)



State Coordinator Resources Tour





https://nche.ed.gov/resources/

- Issue Briefs
 - Use of Funds Tip Sheet
- Awareness Materials
- Data Resources/Extranet
- Webinars
- State Coordinator Handbook
- SC 10 in 10 Modules
- TA Request Form



Plan Your Work & Work Your Plan!

MV Legislation

https://nche.ed.gov/legislation/mckinney-vento/

- Non-Regulatory Guidance
 https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/07/160240ehcyguidanceupdate
 d082718.pdf
- ESSA State Consolidated Plans
 https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/states
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 https://www.admin
- ARP-HCY State Plan

https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/arp-hcy-state-plans/

- Needs Assessment
- Annual Work Plan





<u>SEA Informal</u> <u>Needs</u> <u>Assessment</u>

MV in ESSA State Plans

<u>Guide to Developing</u> <u>an Annual Plan for</u> <u>State-Level Activities</u>



EHCY Self-Assessment/Monitoring Indicators

 Let the Performance Review Self-Assessment and On-Site/Desk Review Protocol...



- <u>Guide</u> your work
- Organize your filing system
- Plan your activities on an annual calendar





Annual State Coordinator Calendar



All - Orange

State Coordinator – Annual Calendar Sample

Ongoing Responsibilities and Tasks								
Timeframe	Task	Purpose	Process	Key Contacts	Additional			
					Information			
Daily	Check and respond to e-	Technical Assistance &	Кеер а	LEA MV liaison	- Telephone log			
	mails and phone calls	Support to LEAs, SDE staff,	phone/communication log	(update on MV website	- Spreadsheet "TA			
		partner agencies, and		Sept & March)	Tracking \$V21-22"			
		parents		Title IV	/ A Homoloss Educe			
Quarterly/Annually	Review ESSA Consolidated	Compliance,	Standing Agenda item for	Representatives	K-A Homeless Educa			
	Plan (MV section), State	Collaboration,	HEAT	med & large dist				
	MV Policy & Yearly Plan	Coordination		each region				
Monthly	MV Monthly Office Hours	Provide Updates, Answer	Communication/Reminders	MV liaisons				

to Liaisons

speakers

from:

-Schedule community

- Review Yearly Plan

You will receive emails

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- Review statewide data

- Review MV related Policy

Questions & Connect MV

Compliance Collaboration

Required MV/Homeless

representative for their

Required MV/Homeless

Required MV/Homeless

representative
-Represent Homeless
Families and Youth
-Point in Time count

representative
-Represent Homeless
Families and Youth

Liaison to Regional &

State-wide resources

Transparency

Homeless Education

virtual meetings

Special Education

Advisory Panel

State Homeless

Early Childhood

Federal Regional

Interagency Council on

Homelessness (FRICH) @ HUD office or via conference call

Coordinating Council mtg

Interagency Council

Advisory Team (HEAT)

Sep-May

Quarterly-

Quarterly-

Quarterly-

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

Quarterly phone call-

Apr, Jul, Oct, Jan

Feb, May, Aug, Nov

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Month by Month Activities - Sample

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July							
Timeframe	Task	Purpose	Process	Key Contacts	Additional Information		
July	Work on updating all annual materials for all programs	Getting ready for the new school year		Your team and director			
July-Aug	Plan Annual PD	Required PD	-Get dates on calendar -Potential topics -schedule locations, speakers, etc.				
July - Aug	Finalize Annual Work Plan Goals/Focus Areas	Program Improvement	-	HEAT members			
July -Sept	CFSGA & Title I-A Homeless Set-Aside	Review/Approve Title I-A Homeless set-aside & basic program data as part of DQR process	-Check for any new liaisons- note any changes DQR: -Compare number of students served to historical data (if off by more than 10% have them provide a comment of why) Set-Aside & Description: -check description for non-allowable uses	Federal Program Director & Fiscal	Use "Comments" section to communicate with districts. Mark the CFSGA "Daily" approval tracking		
Late July	Review ARP-HCY Grant Balances	Fiscal Accountability					
Late July	Review MV Subgrant Balances	Fiscal Accountability					



Templates & Samples



Activity: Jigsaw







Jigsaw read SC Handbook: Appendix B-1

- Groups of about 5-6 people
- Break the document into sections and assign everyone to become the "expert" of their assigned section
- After each person has shared their information/summary, discuss how you could use this document's "Current Activities & Next Steps" to guide your work.

https://nche.ed.gov/state-coordinators-handbook/



Self-Reflection Survey

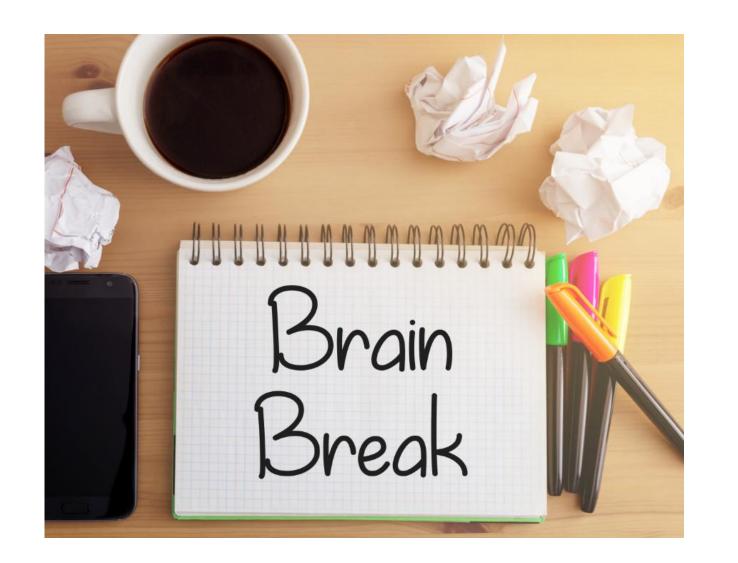
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- With a little research/outreach, I think I can figure this out.
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- Intensive TA from NCHE would be helpful for me.
- I didn't even realize this needed to be done and I don't know where to start.







Section #2 – Everyone on the Same Page



McKinney-Vento Act: Federal Law

The Act supports students experiencing homelessness through:

Enrollment

Attendance

Academic Success

Federal law supersedes local and state policies and laws.





The Law: Main Themes

- State Coordinator and Homeless Liaison
- Identification, Enrollment, Stability
- Academic Success and Credit Accrual
- Child-Centered, Best Interest Determination
- Collaboration
- Data
- Subgrant Requirements
- Transportation
- Preschool
- Higher Education

Homeless Definition

Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

- **Fixed residence:** A residence that is stationary, permanent and not subject to change.
- Regular residence: A residence that is used on a regular basis (i.e., nightly).
- Adequate residence: Is sufficient for meeting the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

A youth who is not in the physical custody of parent or legal guardian

AND

lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.



Homeless



Unaccompanied



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)





Professional Development

Improving through learning

Professional Development



MANDATORY

New Homeless Liaison Training
Compliance Forums
Data Collection
Monitoring



REQUESTED

District Training Support
Internal Partner Rounds
Community Awareness
Mock Monitoring



SUPPLEMENTARY

Regional Rounds Virtual Learning Series Learning Institute







Supplementary Professional Development Opportunities

"Tuesday Talks"
Weekly-Tuesday
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

https://uncg.zoom.us/j/95365456014?pwd=c1lhL2 JNTCs2Q3NoWk9lWjVndGQwQT09

Opportunity for **all liaisons** to meet informally to discuss challenges and successes of identifying and serving McKinney-Vento students in their schools.



Other Professional Development

- State EHCY Program
- National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)
- US Department of Education (USDE)
- SchoolHouse Connection (SHC)
- National Association for the Homeless Education for Children and Youth (NAEHCY) conference

New Homeless Liaison Support

Update Homeless Liaison Directory

List of current homeless liaisons must be updated and posted on the SEA website

New Liaison Orientation

New liaisons should be provided information regarding the MV/EHCY program requirements & how to request support/TA

Materials & Tools

Access to state-specific tools, processes, and materials to be successful



Determining the Needs of LEAs

Risk Ranking Considerations

High liaison turnover

Low or no attendance at liaison training

No or low # of HCY and/or UHY identified annually

Low % of HCY compared to LEA socioeconomic status (FRPL or SAIPE)

Low academic and/or graduation rates of HCY and UHY

High chronic absenteeism rates of HCY and UHY



Multiple findings on previous monitoring/PQR

Fiscal management concerns (allowable uses, draw-downs, etc.)

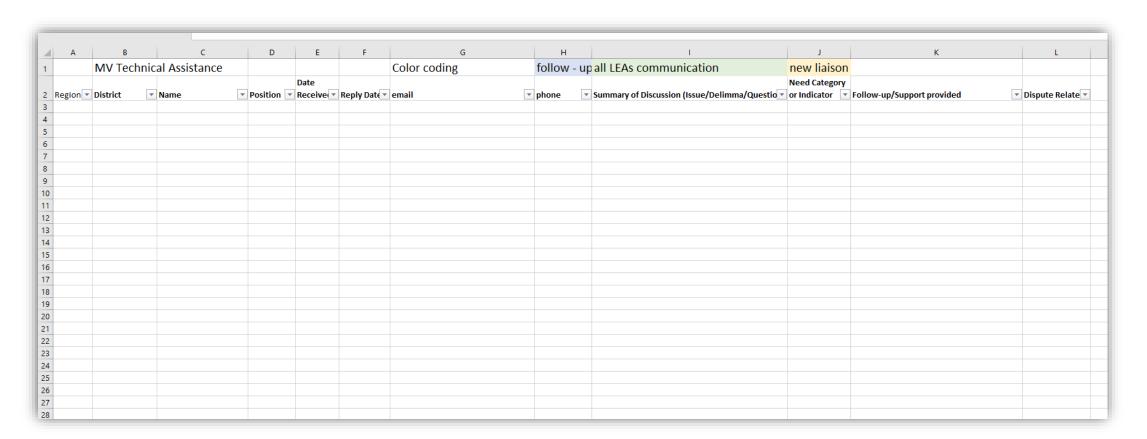
Data submission concerns (timeliness, format, etc.)





Tracking Tools

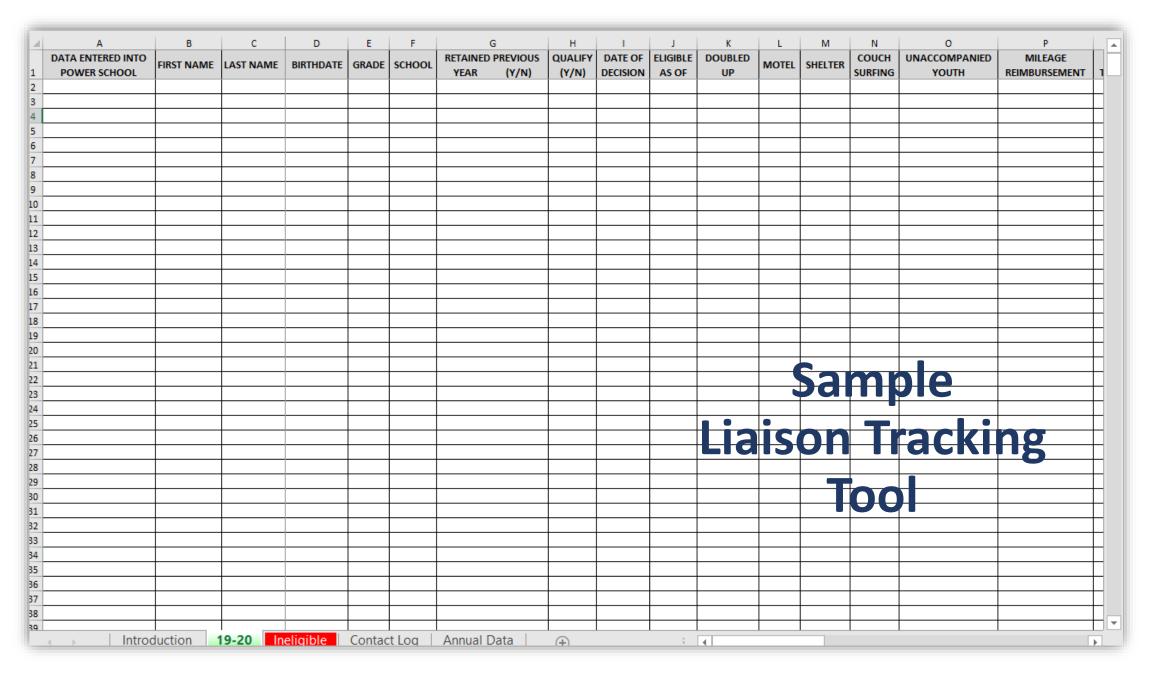
Communication, TA, Training, Support, & Services





TA
Support
Tracking
Sample
&
LA
Sample
TA Log

Sample State Coordinator Tracking Tool





Sample LEA Tracking Tool

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3		LEA Code:		LEA Name:	_
_	Please track all McKinney-Vento eligible students affected by unique circumstances such as natural disasters (i.e. hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes, etc.), mudslides or other unique occurrences on an ongoing basis. This information may be requested by the US Dept. of Education, NCDPI or the State Coordinator's office at any point during the school year.				
5	A new form should be used for each new event. A final copy of all forms completed in a school year should be submitted to the State Coordinator's Office by June 15th of each school year. Completion of this tracking form is in addition to regular data collection entries within PowerSchool and any LEA tools used.				
6			Hurricane - Please enter name, if applicable		
7			Tornado		
8			Flood		
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Sample Disaster Tracking



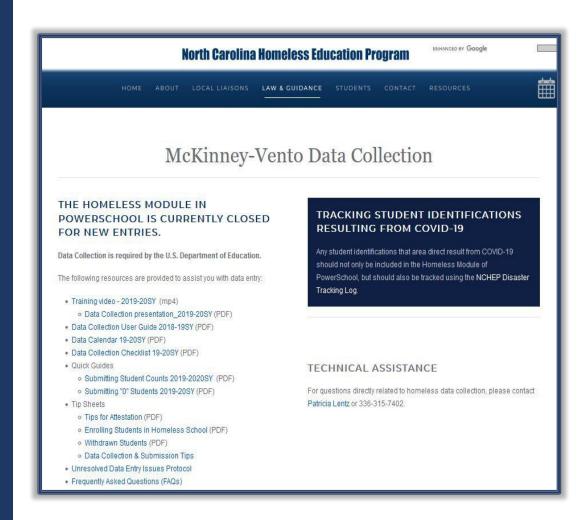


Website Tools

Annual Data Resources, Disasters, Contacts, Funding, Needs Assessments, PQRs, PD, Trainings, Program Highlights, Best Practices And More!

Data Collection Resources

- User Guide
- Quick Guides
- Tip Sheets
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Training Video
- Data Calendar
- Other



SEA Websites
Tip Sheet



Activity: Think, Pair, Share







- 1 What considerations would be essential to think about when designing your:
- Professional Development
- TA tracking
- Website content

2 How could you use the tools presented as part of program improvement efforts?



- Add to SC Annual Calendar



New State Coordinator Mentors









- How did you come to be the state coordinator?
- What drew you to the job?
- What do you wish you would have known about the job before day one?
- What are you excited about learning/doing this week?



Section #3 – Telling the Story with Data



8 Reasons Why Data is Important!

- Improve people's lives
- Make informed decisions
- Stop molehills from turning into mountains
- Get the results you want
- Find solutions to problems
- Back up your hypothesis/thinking
- Stop the guessing game
- Be strategic in your approaches





Program Improvement Cycles



Identify –

What does the data show?

Analysis –

Why is this happening?

Plan -

What is our plan for change?

Implementation –

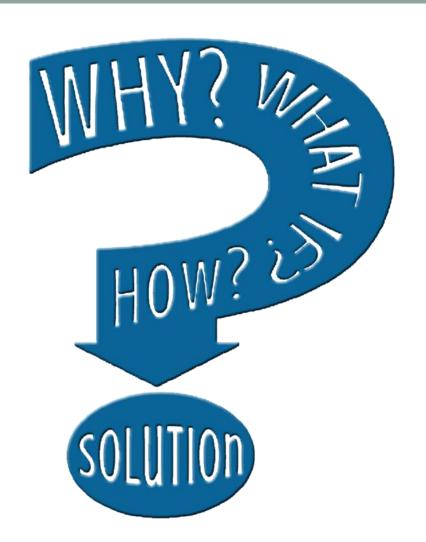
Who is doing what, when, where and how often?

Review -

Did the plan work? What needs to be adjusted?



Framing the Conversation with Data



Questions to ask when looking at DATA!

- What do we hope to learn?
- How will this guide our path?
- Who do we need to collaborate with?
- What do we need to do?



Ensuring Timely, Complete & Accurate Data





Data Collection & Quality Review Process



NEW: EDFacts Modernization Timeline

May to July: LEAs submit data August: NCHE loads new products on Extranet for previous year

August to September: Identification begins for new year

BEFORE
Submission Data quality
review

December:
Submit data to
EDFacts & CSPR

Check data as it's coming in

Use to drive training & monitoring

Share data system & reporting updates & expectations

Review comments & draft responses, resubmit data

Data & comments entered directly into EDPass/EDFacts, provide CSPR information

State Coordinator Insights: Collecting & Using Data

- What processes are in place at each level to ensure quality data reporting?
- What connections/partnerships have you developed to create your data collection process?
- What training is provided to liaisons, data stewards, etc., to ensure timely, complete, and accurate data?
- How do you utilize data-based decision-making in your EHCY program?
- How do you "Tell the Story" with data? What have been the results?



Activity: Data Collection Flowchart



Complete the "Data Collection & DQR Flowchart" handout

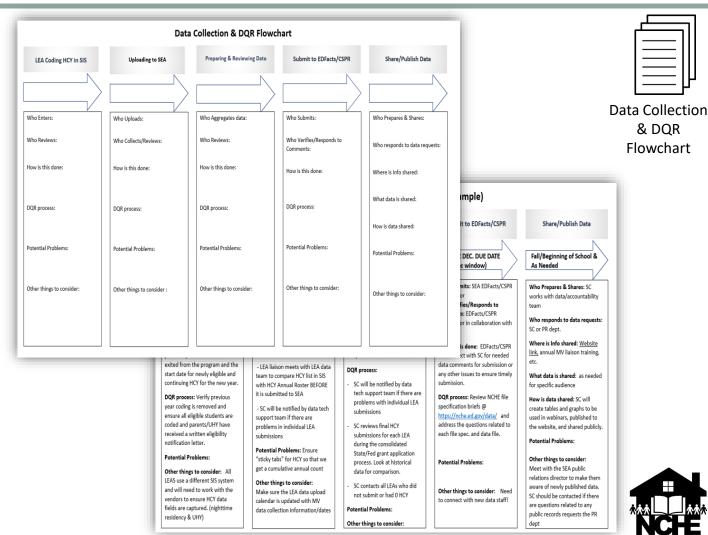
 Add what you currently know about your state's data collection & reporting process.

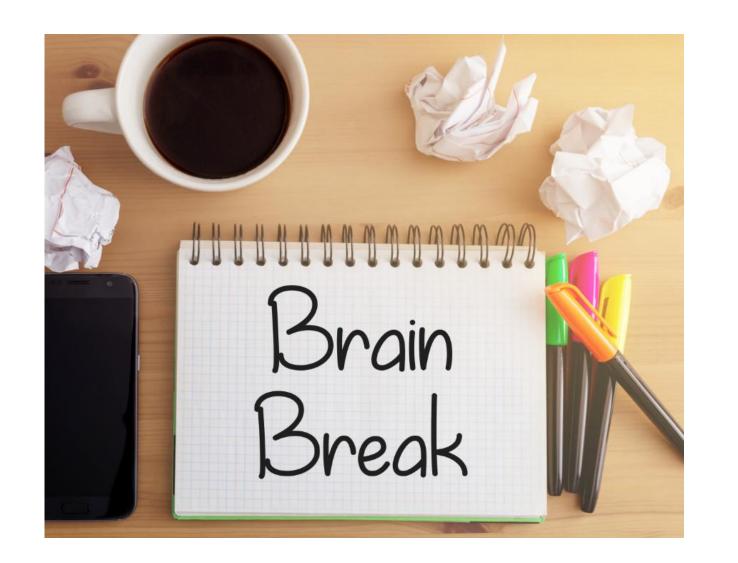
OR

Read through the Example
 Flowchart & highlight all the individuals that play a part in data collection & reporting that you will need to connect with.



- Add to SC Annual Calendar







Section #4 - Collaboration



Where are families & youth seeking services?

Police

Providers

Housing Services Employment Services

Health Care Food Bank

schools

Churches

Mental Health Services

> Early Childhood Intervention

Childcare Shelters





Collaboration = No Wrong Door!

Whenever a family or young person presents with an identified need at a service agency or school system, they will be supported to find the help they need and not be turned away.



Making Connections: What, Why & How?

- What is a connection?
 - A relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else.
- Why is it important to have a connect?
 - Reminds us that we're not alone.
 - Allows you to benefit from the help you receive from others and provides opportunities to be of support to others.
- How do we connect with others?
 - Know your what, why and who.
 - Attend events and conferences.
 - Join professional organization, coalitions, etc.

National Connections























US Dept of Education – Education of Homeless Children & Youths (EHCY) Program Team



Office of School Support & Accountability

https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/education-for-homeless-children-and-youths-grants-for-state-and-local-activities/



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National Center for Homeless Education

The SERVE Center at the University of North Carolina operates the U.S. Department of Education's homeless education technical assistance & information center. NCHE has:

- Comprehensive website: http://nche.ed.gov
- Toll-free helpline: Call 800-308-2145 or e-mail <u>homeless@serve.org</u>
- Products & Listserv: https://nche.ed.gov/resources/
- Social Media
 - Twitter: <a>@NCHEducation



National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth



https://naehcy.org/

SAVE THE DATES: Nov. 11 - 14, 2023 in NOLA

 National membership association dedicated to ensuring educational equity and excellence for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

• NAEHCY connects educators, parents, advocates, researchers, and service providers to ensure school enrollment and attendance and overall success for children and youth whose lives have been disrupted by the lack of safe, permanent, and adequate housing. NAEHCY achieves these goals through advocacy, partnerships, and education.

SchoolHouse Connection



www.schoolhouseconnection.org

- SchoolHouse Connection is a national non-profit organization working to overcome homelessness through education.
- They provide strategic advocacy and practical assistance in partnership with early childhood programs, schools, higher education institutions, service providers, families, and youth.



Our Advocacy Principles



Education is Essential

Access to education, from
early childhood through
post-secondary, gives
children and youth the tools
to end their homelessness
and achieve their dreams.



Grassroots Approach
Change must be rooted in
the realities of local
communities. We listen and
learn, then advocate and
implement.



Youth Leadership
Young people are the
experts on their
experiences, needs and
strengths. We must accept
their guidance and follow
their lead.



Child Development
The lack of housing, good
nutrition, health care and
other basic needs damages
childhood development and
has lifelong impacts on
health and well-being. The
developmental needs of
children and youth must be
central to all advocacy,
program design, outcome
measures, and policy.

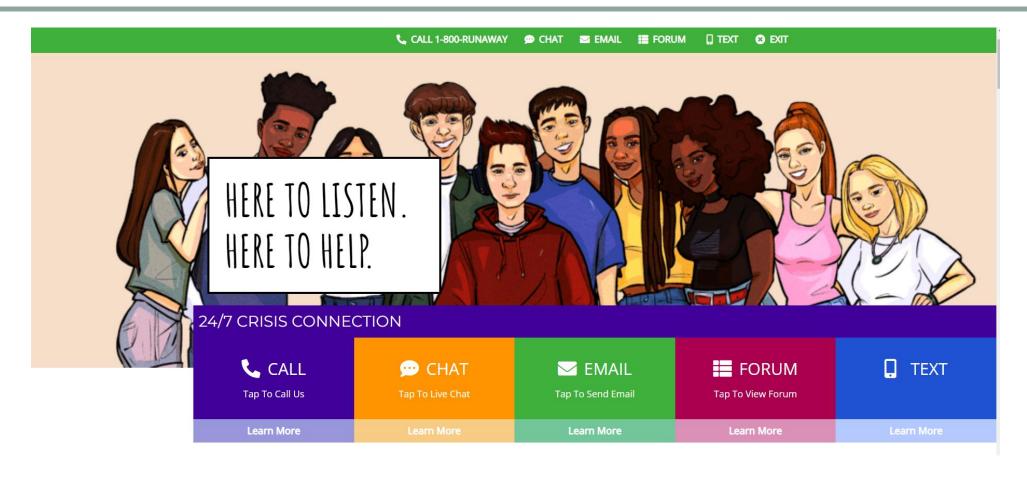


Prevention Must Be a Priority

We will not solve adult homelessness until the complex realities and comprehensive needs of children and youth take a front seat in federal, state, and local homelessness policy. Intervening early is a key to better life outcomes and preventing future homelessness.



RYHP - Runaway and Homeless Youth Program





Interagency Councils on Homelessness





Link to "All In" - www.usich.gov/fsp

- USICH: Federal-level
 - 19 agencies/programs
- FRICH: Regional-level
 - 10 regions
- State Homeless Council: State-level
- Continuums of Care: Local-level



State Coordinator Insights: External Connections



















DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING



ShowUp!



You REPRESENT the Young People!





Go to www.menti.com and use the code 8781 6934

What State & Regional Partners do I need to connect with?

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workforce development idea part c
early childhood mental health
job corps infant toddler program
childcare providers
dept of health welfare
shelter directors
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Internal Connections

- Connect with key divisions, teams and staff within your state education agency (SEA) that can support your desired outcomes and help to ensure MKV compliance.
- SEA Division Examples:
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Enrollment & Residency
 - ✓ Early Learning
 - ✓ Higher Education
 - ✓ Data (Governance, Collection, Analysis & Reporting)
 - ✓ General Counsel
 - ✓ Grants (Federal & Local)



Internal SEA Connections



Go to www.menti.com and use the code 5534 1556

Who do I need to connect with in my office?

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special ed english learners

it safe healthy schools

21st century-afterschool

school improvement cte title ia

office of migrant ed

child nutrition

family engagement
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Making Connections - Next Steps





- Write down your next steps in making connections.
- Identify the resources available in your state essential for your work/role.
- Commit to remaining in contact with at least two people from this State Coordinator Meeting.
- Find a mentor or thought partner.



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Section #5 – Wrap Up!



Review: Learning Targets



- Build relationships & create collaborative partnerships
- Deepen understanding of statutes related to the EHCY program & the resources provided by NCHE
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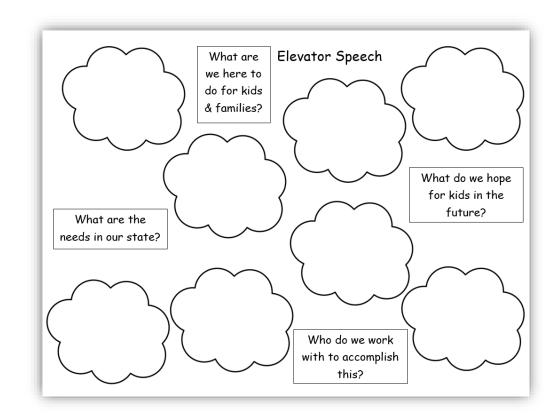
Wrap-Up Activity: Elevator Speech





"WOW! Tell me about your new position!"

- Take a few minutes to think about and jot down some ideas
- Use what you wrote to practice in your mind your "Elevator Speech"
- Share these with your table partners or online buddies!







REMEMBER the Self-Reflection Survey

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